GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR TRACK RENEWAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present level of funds allocation for an pace of work on track renewal will take another hundred years to complete the work on defective and aged track existing as of today;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to tap other sources of finance for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are considering to fixing a time-frame within which to complete the work of renewal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) had been created in 2001-02 to renew overdue assets including track. It is programmed that track overdue renewal as on 01.04.2001 will be renewed by 31.03.2007, out of SRSF.

However, track renewal is an ongoing activity like regular track maintenance, and no time limit can be fixed.